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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA

REF: SEOUL 4971

1. FIFTH SESSION OF TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW ON JULY 6 DEVOTED TO TESTIMONY BY SON CHONG-PAK, KIM'S FORMER UNIVERSITY CLASSMATE WHO IS NOW SERVING FIVE YEAR PRISON TERM FOR VIOLATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.

2. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM PROSECUTOR, SON STATED THAT DURING THEIR UNIVERSITY DAYS, HE AND KIM CHI-HA OFTEN TALKED ABOUT COMMUNIST THEORY IN GENERAL AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON COMMUNISM. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT OFFER ANY CONCRETE PROOF THAT KIM CHI-HA WAS A COMMUNIST OR THAT HE WAS WORKING TO ESTABLISH COMMUNISM IN KOREA. ACCORDING TO SENIOR KOREAN ANALYST OF EMBASSY WHO ATTENDED SESSION, SON NOT VERY CONVINCING WITNESS AND WHOLE POINT OF HIS TESTIMONY SEEMED TO BE THAT SINCE HE WAS COMMUNIST AND FORMER ASSOCIATE OF KIM, THEREFORE, THE POET MUST ALSO BE COMMUNIST. NEXT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20.
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